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Governor requests federal public assistance for two additional counties

INDIANAPOLIS (October 31, 2008) - Governor Mitch Daniels today requested that President George W. Bush provide federal public assistance to Daviess and LaPorte counties for damage sustained by severe weather that began September 12.

If approved, public assistance means state government and local governments and certain non-profit organizations in these counties would be eligible to apply for federal assistance to pay 75 percent of the approved cost of debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster and repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings and utilities.

To date, 32 Indiana counties have been approved for federal public assistance. Those counties are Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Decatur, Dubois, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Lake, Lawrence, Martin, Newton, Ohio, Orange, Perry, Pike, Porter, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Spencer, Switzerland, Union, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Washington and Wayne.

The governor is seeking federal assistance following damage that occurred in the northwest and southern parts of the state from strong winds and flooding caused by remnants of Hurricane Ike.

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